

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 13, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Capitol Building, Washington, DC.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Republican Leader, House of Representatives, Capitol Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND LEADER BOEHNER: I am writing to tender my resignation from the House Veterans' Affairs Committee for the 111th Congress effective today, January 13, 2009. It has been an honor to serve with Chairman Filner and Ranking Member Buyer, as well as the other members of the Committee, to ensure the needs of our veterans remain a national priority.

I remain committed to making certain that our veterans receive the best quality of care, benefits, and services that the United States is able to provide. Locally, the Dayton VA Medical Center, and all Miami Valley and Ohio veterans will remain a top priority.

Since my election to Congress I have been proud to support all of our nation's veterans through increases in VA funding and supporting the Wounded Warrior Assistance Act, which is aimed at improving the transition between DoD and VA medical care. Additionally, I was able to support final passage of the GI Bill modernization, which expanded veterans education benefits and allows them to transfer their unused benefits to their immediate family members.

Locally, I have been able to advocate for the 500-bed Dayton VA Medical Center, which is one of the three original VA "soldiers' homes" created by President Lincoln after the Civil War. This facility is the second largest federal installation in my Congressional District, and is an important community asset. I worked to ensure the Community Living Center, which was slated for closure, remained open and also received additional money for a state-of-the-art renovation. I was also proud to help rural veterans in my community continue to have access to important screening services close to home.

I have recently been named the Ranking Republican on the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee. This leadership position requires a great deal of commitment and is a unique opportunity to continue my service to ensure our national security.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee for the past four years. Because of the commitment of all members on this distinguished committee, we have made great strides in caring for our veterans, and I know that the trend will continue. Please have your staff contact Joseph Heaton (joseph.heaton@mail.house.gov) at 225-6465 if my office can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL R. TURNER,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 51

Resolved, That the following named Members be and are hereby elected to the fol-

lowing standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION.—Ms. Zoe Lofgren of California, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Gonzalez, Mrs. Davis of California, Mr. Davis of Alabama.

(2) COMMITTEE ON RULES.—Mr. Perlmutter, Ms. Pingree of Maine, Mr. Polis of Colorado. SEC. 2. Paragraph (5) of House Resolution 24, One Hundred Eleventh Congress, agreed to January 7, 2009, is amended by striking "Mr. Bishop of Utah," and inserting "Mr. Bishop of New York,".

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO- VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2, CHILDREN'S HEALTH IN- SURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHOR- IZATION ACT OF 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-1) on the resolution (H. Res. 52) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO- VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 384, TARP REFORM AND AC- COUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-2) on the resolution (H. Res. 53) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BOUCHER (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CHANDLER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. REYES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHANDLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, January 14 and 15.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, January 14 and 15.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, January 14.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled Joint Resolution of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 3. Ensuring that the compensation and other emolument attached to the office of Secretary of the Interior are those which were in effect on January 1, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

46. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Walnuts Grown in California; Section 610 Review [Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0010; FV08-984-610 Review] received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

47. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Section 610 Review [Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0009; FV08-966-610 Review] received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

48. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Section 610 Review [Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0008; FV08-927-610 Review] received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

49. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Hearing Procedures [Docket No. FR-5084-F-02] (RIN: 2501-AD24) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

50. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final

rule — Matching Requirements in McKinney-Vento Act Programs [Docket No. FR-5247-F-01] (RIN: 2506-AC24) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

51. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Deposit Insurance Requirements After Certain Conversions; Definition of "Corporate Reorganization;" Optional Conversions ("Oakar Transactions"); Additional Grounds for Disapproval of Changes in Control; and Disclosure of Certain Supervisory Information (RIN: 3064-AD25) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

52. A letter from the Director, FDIC Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Assessment Dividends (RIN: 3064-AD27) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

53. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (RIN: 3064-AD37) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

54. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Financial Education Programs That Include the Provision of Bank Products and Services (RIN: 3064-AD28) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

55. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Incidental Powers (RIN: 3133-AD12) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

56. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Share Insurance for Revocable Trust Accounts (RIN: 3133-AD54) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

57. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Display of Official Sign; Temporary Increase in Standard Maximum Share Insurance Amount; Coverage for Custodian Loan Accounts (RIN: 3133-AD55) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

58. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — MODERNIZATION OF OIL AND GAS REPORTING [Release Nos. 33-8995; 34-59192; FR-78; File No. S7-15-08] (RIN: 3235-AK00) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

59. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — INDEXED ANNUITIES AND CERTAIN OTHER INSURANCE CONTRACTS [Release Nos. 33-8996, 34-59221; File No. S7-14-08] (RIN: 3235-AK16) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

60. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the twenty-eighth annual report on the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 by departments and agencies

which administer programs of Federal financial assistance, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6106a(b); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

61. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Annual Report for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve covering calendar year 2007, in accordance with section 165 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

62. A letter from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Energy Conservation Program for Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Ice-Cream Freezers; Self-Contained Commercial Refrigerators, Commercial Freezers, and Commercial Refrigerator-Freezers Without Doors; and Remote Condensing Commercial Refrigerators, Commercial Freezers, and Commercial Refrigerator-Freezers [Docket Number EERE-2006-BT-STD-0126] (RIN: 1904-AB59) received January 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

63. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement with India (Transmittal No. DDTC 134-08), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

64. A letter from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

65. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to Pub. L. 110-252, Sec. 9204; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

66. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Interagency Working Group on U.S. Government-Sponsored International Exchanges and Training's annual inventory of U.S. Government-sponsored international exchange and training programs, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2460(f) and (g) Public Law 87-256, section 112(f) and (g); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

67. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on the status of consular training with respect to travel and identity documents, pursuant to Section 7201(d) of The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

68. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to section 10(d)(1) of the United Nations Participation Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

69. A letter from the Chair, CPB Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting the Corporation's semiannual report on the activities of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

70. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's semiannual report from the office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

71. A letter from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting a re-

port entitled, "The Federal Government: A Model Employer or a Work In Progress?," pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1204(a)(3); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

72. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting a report regarding the agencies' competitive sourcing efforts, pursuant to Public Law 208-199, section 647(b) of Division F; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

73. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's semiannual report from the office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

74. A letter from the Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area Chief of Staff, Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard, transmitting the Department's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for USCG Pacific Operations: Districts 11 and 13, in accordance with the provisions of Section 102[2][c] of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

75. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's semi-annual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, pursuant to Sections 402 and 409 of the 1974 Trade Act, as amended; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

76. A letter from the Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting a joint report that describes activities related to the Proliferation Security Initiative, including associated funding, that are planned to be carried out by the United States over the next three fiscal years, pursuant to Public Law 110-53, section 1821(b); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of January 3, 2009]

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the House Committee on Homeland Security for the 110th Congress (Rept. 110-940). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary During the 110th Congress (Rept. 110-941). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SKELTON: Committee on Armed Services. Report of the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 110th Congress (Rept. 110-942). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Filed on January 13, 2009]

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 52. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-1). Referred to the House Calendar.